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1. Martial law was proclaimed in Zeitz at 7 P.M. on 17 June. About 2000 soldiers with 150 trucks and ten T-34 tanks arrived in Zeitz on 17 and 18 June.. Troops with 200 motor vehicles and 24 T-34 tanks entered the Artillerie and Infanterie Kasernen on 20 and 21 June.

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2. The population stormed the jail, revenue office and the SED Kreisleitung offices in Goerlitz on 16 June. About 100 tanks passed through Muskau, enroute toward Niesky and Goerlitz, on 17 and 18 June.

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3. Armored scout cars, coming from the direction of Greifswald, arrived in Stralsund at 10 A.M. on 18 June.

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4. On 23 June, 32 cars loaded with tanks were dispatched from the Dallgow-Doerberitz railroad station toward Rathenow; 52 tanks went from the Wildpark railroad station toward Brandenburg. 1

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5. About 40 medium tanks were observed moving from Berlin toward Bernau on 23 June. 2

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6. Nineteen JS tanks, 209 T-34 tanks, 300 trucks carrying troops, 40 SP guns and 35 AT guns left Neuruppin toward Berlin between 1 and 5:30 P.M. on 16 June.

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About 50 trucks from the Wulkow ammunition depot joined the column.

Elements of this column were seen in Berlin on 24 June by the same observer.

About 1500 workmen were on strike at Bauunion Templin and at the Neuruppin airfield. All other strikes in the Neuruppin area were smothered immediately.

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7. The Volkswerft in Stralsund was occupied by elements of the 4th AT Artillery Brigade at 11 A.M. on 19 June.

8. Troops of the 3rd Guards AT Artillery Brigade were on alert at the Putlitz Kaserne in Rostock on 20 June.

9. The Sea Police has been on alert in Peenemuende since 17 June. All boats

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were on sea patrol. Normal training activity continued at the airfield.

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10. Wittenberg was still under martial law on 22 June. Reinforced patrols included armored scout cars of the 6th Guards Tank Division.

11. Soviet forces were withdrawn from the Frankfurt/Oder railroad yards area on 24 June.

12. Martial law was declared in Strasburg, near Pasewalk, on 17 June. Armored scout cars, guns and heavy tanks, probably belonging to the 25th Tank Division, passed through Strasburg enroute to Pasewalk. Between 3 and 5 A.M. on 17 June, five KVP companies left Pasewalk for Berlin. Other KVP units in Pasewalk were on alert.

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13. All workers at the Oranienburg airfield downed their tools at 1 P.M. on 17 June. Six T-34 tanks were employed by the Soviets at the airfield. Twenty-six trucks of the 25th Tank Division entered the restricted Weisse Stadt area in Oranienburg at 8 P.M. on 17 June. These troops left toward Berlin on 18 June and returned to the Weisse Stadt area at 10 A.M. on 20 June.

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14. Twelve T-34 tanks left the Berlin Ost-Bahnhof toward Koenigswusterhausen on the night of 24 June. 3

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1. The nature and destination of these shipments has not yet been determined.

The following two possibilities exist:

- A. The direction of the shipments was Neuruppin via Wustermark, rather than Rathenow. In this case the shipments may have involved the return of tanks of the 12th Guards Tank Division or of the 9th Guards Tank Division to their posts.
 - B. The return of tanks of the 10th Guards Tank Division to Letzling Heath. Units of this division had, however, not been observed arriving in the Berlin Area.
2. Possibly the return of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division from the north-east perimeter of Berlin. The employments of elements of this division in the Berlin area had not been previously reported.
 3. This information, as well as that contained in paragraphs 4 and 5, indicates that the Soviet occupation in the Berlin area is gradually being lessened.

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